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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN PROBLEMS IN PERUVIAN PORT

1. HEADLINES IN LA PAZ PRESS NOVEMBER 7 AND 8 REPORT THAT PERUVIAN PORT OF MATARANI HAS BEEN CLOSED TO BOLIVIAN EXPORT CARGO. BOLIVIAN CONSUL IN MOLLENDON HAS SENT CABLE TO BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT ADVISING THAT PERUVIAN PORT AUTHORITY ENAPU CLOSING PORT DUE TO PRESENT CONGESTION.

2. OFFICIALS OF BOLIVIAN CUSTOMS AND WAREHOUSE AUTHORITY AND OF LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT CONSUL'S CABLE HAS BEEN CIRCULATED LOCALLY BUT THAT ENAPU HAS NOT RPT NOT OFFICIALLY CLOSED PORT NOR HAS PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT SENT COMMUNICATION ON SUBJECT. RATHER ENAPU HAS INFORMED BOLIVIANS OF DIRE STATE OF PORT AND PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY OF RECEIVING MORE CARGO. BOLIVIAN SHIPPERS ARE ALREADY APPARENTLY REDIRECTING IMPORT AND EXPORT SHIPMENTS TO CHILEAN PORTS WHEN POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH CARGO IN ARICA, CHILE AT LEAST IS ALSO BACKLOGGED. VARIOUS REASONS GIVEN FOR PROBLEM INCLUDING (A) SHIFT IN LAST YEAR OF MORE SHIPMENTS TO MATARANI (IN PART DUE TO DIFFICULTIES WITHIN BOLIVIA OF RAIL LINK FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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ANTOFAGASTA AND LA PAZ), (B) LACK OF PORT AND RAIL

FACILITIES BOTH AT MATARANI AND GUAQUI, PERU, (C) LACK OF CUSTOMS WAREHOUSING SPACE IN LA PAZ, AND (D) FAILURE BY BOLIVIAN SHIPPERS TO MOVE CARGO QUICKLY. RECENTLY, ENAPU ANNOUNCED THAT IMPORT SHIPMENTS ON MATARANI DOCKS MUST BE MOVED IN THIRTY DAYS BUT WITHOUT NOTICEABLE EFFECT. BOTH MATARANI AND ARICA HAVE RECEIVED FLOUR SHIPMENTS FOR BOLIVIA WHICH ARE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY IN MOVEMENT. STEDMAN

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